

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An automatic paper feed apparatus comprising a paper feed roller for automatically feeding a plurality of papers in order from uppermost one, the plurality of papers being contained in a cassette in a stacked state, wherein a holding member having flexibility is provided so that the holding member comes into contact with the paper to generate a friction force weaker than that between the paper feed roller and the paper.

2. An automatic paper feed apparatus as in Claim 1, wherein an engagement portion is formed on the rear end portion of the holding member, and wherein the engagement member is engaged with the cassette, whereby the holding member is attached on the cassette slidably with respect to a paper feed direction.

3. An automatic paper feed apparatus as in Claim 2, wherein the engagement member is engaged with a guide portion which is provided in the cassette to guide the rear end of the paper.

4. An automatic paper feed apparatus as in Claim 1, wherein the paper is a medicine bag.

5.           An automatic paper feed apparatus as in Claim 1,  
wherein the holding member has a sheet-like shape, and  
wherein conductive layers comprising different material are  
5   formed on the top and bottom surfaces of the holding  
member.